

# The Caledonian Mercury.

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Wye's Letter verbatim, London, March 3.

**T**H E News mentioned in our last, of the Accession of the King and Senate of Sweden to the Treaty of Hanover, is of such Importance, that a Confirmation thereof is earnestly wished for: Mean Time S. Stock is risen to 106 per Cent. Annuities 101. India 150, and Bank 126 1 half. 'Tis expected that the News Letters, from the Hague, will give us likewise the agreeable News of the Consent of all the seven united Provinces, for acceding to the Treaty of Hanover, which no Doubt will fully answer the glorious Designs it was calculated for, notwithstanding the Reflections that have been made against it at Vienna, particularly, That it was concluded in the Empire by two Electors and Princes of the Empire, with a Foreign Power, against his Imperial Majesty's and the Empire's Peace with Spain; and that is contrary both in Matter and Form, to the Solemn Oath of Investiture, and the Duty of a Member of the Empire. But as has been well observed, no Objection of this Nature was offered at the Time of making the Triple Alliance, between Great Britain, France, and the States General, and that of the Quadruple Alliance between the Emperor, Great Britain and France, in one of which, the Emperor was not a Party, and in the other was a Party.

We want to know, how the Imperial Court will relish the Resolutions taken by the British Parliament upon the Treaty of Commerce concluded between the Emperor and King of Spain: Mean-time you partly see, to what Purpose Great Britain has, at the Effusion of so much Blood, and the Expence of so much Treasure, acquired Kingdoms and Provinces for his Imperial Majesty, who is now for destroying the chief Branches of the British Trade, in Violation of solemn Treaties.

*Dover, March 1.* Just now the Count de Broglie's Lady arrived from France; but we do not hear the Ambassador is on board.

On the 11th Inst. Major Smith, belonging to the Honourable Colonel Bowls's Regiment at Carrickfergus in Ireland, shot himself thro' the Head. He

was a Gentleman of a good Estate and excellent Parts.

Yesterday-morning the Head of a Man, supposed to belong to a Body barbarously murdered, was found in the Thames at Westminster.

Yesterday came on at Guildhall the Trial of Mr. Couchman, Master of the Standart Tavern in the Minories, for keeping a lewd and disorderly House. The Prosecution was carried on by several Constables belonging to the Society for Reformation of Manners; and the Jury having brought in their Verdict *Not Guilty*, he has brought his Action against the Constables.

The Reverend Mr. Cockburn, who in the late Reign was Reader of St. Dunstons in the West, but upon his Majesty's Accession was dismissed, upon Account of refusing to take the Oaths, has this Week signified by printed Bills directed to the Inhabitants of the said Parish, that the Scruple upon which he withdrew, being removed, and being now qualified in Law, to hold any Living or Rectorship in the Church, he humbly desires their Vote and Interest to be their Lecturer, upon the Resignation of the Reverend Dr. Lupton; but the Reverend Dr. Waterland, or Mr. Vincent, 'tis thought will carry the Election, which begun this Day by Way of Balloting.

Yesterday the Commons read a Petition of Richard Hampden Esq; praying for a Bill to empower the Commissioners of the Treasury, to compone with him for a Debt due to the Crown, and it was ordered to be referred unto a Committee of the whole House to sit upon next Wednesday: And this Day the Commons read Petitions from the principal Manufactories of Bristol, Exeter, and Teverton, complaining of many Difficulties in carrying on their Business, by unlawful Combinations, Riots, &c. and praying for Relief: The said Petitions were referred to a Committee, to consider what Laws are in Force, and what expired relating to the said Complaints.

Mr. Fairchild the famous Gardner at Hoxton has presented the Botannical Professor at Cambridge, with a large and curious Collection of Exotick Plants,

Plants, in order to furnish a Physick Garden which is now going to be founded in that University.

This Day came on the Trial of Major Oudly, for killing Mr. Gower at the Castle Tavern in Drury-Lane, and the Jury brought in their Verdict *Special*.

'Tis said General Nicolson will be continued Governor of Carolina.

*From the Evening Post, March 3.*

*Brussels, March 4.* Last Thursday some Officers of the Customs seized in a Wood near Mons, and brought hither a Carriage that came from Paris, and was going to Amsterdam, with the King of France's Passport, and having in it 52000 Lewis d'or, which go in France for 15 Livres each. The Pretence of making the Seizure, is because the Money was not entred at the first Custom-house in the Austrian Netherlands, nor was there any Permission from the Government for its free Passage thro' these Provinces. The Board of Treasury being assembled extraordinarily on this Affair, the next Day at Noon declared their Opinion, That the Matter ought to be decided by Law, by the competent Judge: Nevertheless, that Princess has not yet come to any Resolution, seeming at a Stand what to do in it, in order to prevent any dangerous Consequence.

*Vienna, Feb. 23.* 'Tis talked here, That 8000 Men of the Troops of the Palatinate and Wurtzburg will march to the Austrian Netherlands, and be maintained by the King of Spain.

*Madrid, Feb. 18.* The King has given Directions for putting all his Forces upon an equal and fix'd Establishment, every Regiment being to consist of 2000 Men, commanded by a General, Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel and Major. The Duke de Ripperda is authorized to preside in every Council of this Kingdom when ever he pleases.

*Paris, March 1.* The vigorous Resolutions of the Parliament of G. Britain. gives us more and more Reason to hope we shall have no War. Mean while the Government neglects not providing for it, in case of the worst: And 'tis said for certain, that the Court has approved of a Project for raising 60000 Militia. The Count de Bröglie will set out in 4 or 5 Days on his Embassy to the Court of London. The Departure of the Abbot de Livry for Poland is put off for a Month longer.

*London, March 3.* Yesterday-morning early, the Head of a Man, that, by the Freshness of it, seemed to be newly cut off from the Body, having its own Hair on, was found by the River-side, near Mill-bank, Westminster; and was afterwards ex-

posed to publick View. The Body is not yet found, being supposed to be thrown into the Thames. The Head was frightfully gash'd and mangled on each Side of the Chin, and the Left Ear cut off. Who he was, is not known, and therefore, all that is said of the Deceas'd being mere Conjectures, we omit inserting them.

*From the Flying Post, March 1.*

There is printed at Boston in New England, a History of the strange Adventures and wonderful Deliverances of Mr. William Ashton jun. of Marblehead, who, after he had made his Escape from the Pyrates Low and Spriggs in the 1723, lived alone upon a desolate Island in the Gulph of Honduras for the Space of 16 Months. We are informed, that the whole Account will shortly be published here. Mean-time we have Liberty to give this Extract of the Narrative, which, however destitute of that Variety Mankind hath been amused with in the Story of Robinson Crusö, yet has one Beauty to recommend it, which is wanting in the fine Tale of the York Mariner, and that is *Truth*.

On the 19th of March, 1723, he was set ashore on a small Island in Roatan Harbour, with the Cooper of Low's Ship and 6 Hands more, to fill the Water Casks. He went into the Boat with only an Ozenbriggs Frock and Trousers on, and a mill'd Cap on his Head, without Shirt, Shoes, or Stockings, or any Thing else about him. Having met with barbarous Usage, and Menaces of yet worse, from the Pyrates, because he would not sign their Articles, he resolved the Moment he set Foot on Terra Firma, whatever happened, never to return on board again.

After he had helped to roll the Cask out of the Boat to the watering Place, he lay down at the Fountain, and after a hearty Draught, he took the Opportunity to stroll along the Beech, picking up Stones and Shells till he got out of Sight, and then run into the Woods as fast as the thick Bushes and his naked Feet would permit him. They hallo'd and bawl'd after him till they were weary, threatening, that if he did not come back presently, they would go off and leave him alone, which was the only Thing he wanted. Accordingly they left him on a desolate Island, much out of the Way of all Travellers, and returned to the Ships, which, after five Days Stay, to his great Joy, put to Sea without him.

Then he began to reflect on his Situation, which was upon an Island, from whence he could not get off,

off, many Scores of Miles remote from any human Creature, having but scanty Cloathing and no Possibility of getting more, destitute of all Provisions, and of all Company, except the Wild Beasts and Fowls; which dismal Aspect of Things, drew Tears from him in Abundance. He could discern no Footsteps of any Habitation upon the Island, but a Walk of Lime Trees, and some Earthen Potsherds.

There are Wild Figs and Vines here in abundance, which was his principal Sustenance, with a sort of Fruit somewhat larger than an Orange, which, however, he durst not venture to eat, till he saw the Wild Hogs devour the Windfalls with Safety. There was a very poisonous Apple call'd a Mange-neil, a fair Fruit, which he often took into his Hands and was tempted to eat, but Providence restrained him. There was plenty of Cocoa Nuts, but he could not come at the Inside for want of a Knife or some other Instrument, and for that Reason he could not cut up a Tortoise when he had turn'd it, nor make Snares to entrap, or Bows and Arrows to kill any Beast, Bird or Fish, tho' there was Deer, Wild Hogs, Ducks, Téal, Pigeons, Parrots, and Tortoise in abundance; and if he had taken them, he knew not what to do for Fire to dress them; though he should have been glad to have eat some of it raw, if he could have come at it. He sometimes found a Tortoise Nest, and ate the Eggs.

*To be continued.*

*From the Evening Post, March 5.*

Since our last arrived a Mail from France, one from Holland, and one from Flanders.

*Paris, March 4.* Orders have been issued for raising the Militia in the several Provinces of this Kingdom, conformable to the Project lately presented to the Court.

*Brussels, March 8.* Yesterday arrived a Courier from the Court of France, on account of 52,000 Lewis d'or, seized by the Officers of the Custom. That Affair much puzzles our Statesmen, who in all Probability will dispatch an Express to Vienna for Instructions, for fear of taking wrong Steps in this Juncture.

*Hamburg, March 1.* Letters from Petersburg say, that Brigadier Romanzoff the Russian Minister, has actually left Constantinople; and that all possible Preparations are now making for a War, in order to be before-hand with the Turks.

*London, March 5.* Alexander Abercromby of Glashaugh Esq; Member of Parliament, is appoint-

ed Lieutenant-Governor of Fort-William, in room of Colonel Gueft, who succeeds Sir Patrick Strachan as Barrackmaster General in North Britain.

Yesterday a Committee of the Rt. Honourable the Lords of Council sat at the Cock-pit, to consider of a Representation of the Proprietor of Pennsylvania, recommending a new Governor of that Province; and we hear that Colonel Gordon will succeed Sir William Keith in that Government.

S. S. Stock, 105, 1 8th. Annuities, 100.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, March 5.*

*Paris, March 1.* Tuesday last the young Queen Dowager of Spain received an extraordinary Courier from Madrid, who as we are assured, brought a Letter from one of the principal Ministers at the Court of Spain for the Duke of Bourbon, to whom that Princess caused it to be conveyed immediately. 'Tis reported, that Stanislaus's Queen, tho' 46 Years of Age, is with Child.

We are assured that the Count de Tholouse Admiral of France, has sent Orders to Thoulon and Marseilles, to fit out all the Men of War, and to raise Seamen either voluntarily or by Force.

*London, March 5.* The Centinels of the Foot Guards conduct the Quality home every Night from Court and the Assemblies, with their Bayonets fixed and Pieces loaded.

The Earl of Orrery is arrived in Town from abroad.

Mr. Horace Walpole is gone into Norfolk for a Fortnight.

*From Mist's Weekly Journal, March 5.*

They write from Madrid, that the Courtiers put on there an extraordinary Air of Satisfaction with respect to the present Juncture of Affairs; and lately, when the Duke de Riparda held a Consultation with some of the General Officers concerning the Division of the Troops for the next Campaign, in case of a War, a certain General offered a Project for acting defensively on the Side of France; one of the said Ministers did answer, That they needed not take care for that, for Things would be made easy with respect to France.

Our Advices from Paris take Notice of the bad Condition of the People there, occasioned by the Dearness of the Provisions, and partly by the late Fall of the Money, &c.

We are advised from Munich, that Mr. Law has left that Place privately; and some say he is gone to Vienna.

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*From Wye's Letter, March 5.*

Yesterday the Commons read a Petition of Daniel Campbell Esq; presented by General Wade, setting forth the Losses he sustained by having his House pulled down and plundered by the Mob at Glasgow, praying for Relief. Sir Robert Walpole moved to refer the said Petition to a Committee; but Mr. Dundas late Lord Advocate of Scotland opposed it, saying it was contrary to their Laws that Soldiers should come in among them, and that their coming exasperated the People, and made them do what they never intended: hereupon Mr. Forbes, the present Lord Advocate, and General Wade observed, That the Officers endeavoured by all modest Means, to persuade the Mob, but to no Purpose, they throwing Thousands of Stones at them: And the Soldiers must have been murdered if they had not defended themselves, and what Mr. Campbell suffered was in Justification of Law, made by the House, after which, the said Petition was referred to a Committee.

The Lords read and referred to two Judges, a Petition of Sir James Lumley a Lunatick, for Leave to bring in a Bill for Payment of his Debts: Also a Petition of the Lord Ashburnham, to perfect the Sale of his three Parks in Bedfordshire.

'Tis supposed that Matters of great Importance will shortly be brought under Debate.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

[¶] That there is a Lodging about the Middle of the Cannongate, North-side of the Street, (presently possessed by my Lord Kimmergham) to be lett or sold at Whitsunday next. Enquire at Mr. David Watson Writer in Edinburgh, in Craig's Close.

¶ Whereas there has been a malicious and invective Report spread abroad for some Weeks past: "That James Wat, Brewer in Orchardfield, alias Livingston's Yards, had got 2500 l. sterl. or thereby, and a Gold Watch, from James late Lord Ogilvie in the Year 1715, for which there should have been a Receipt or Obligation granted; and that Diligence being us'd for the same, he was obliged to betake himself to the Abbey." All which is most false and injurious, as will appear by a Letter from the said James late Lord Ogilvie to the said James Wat, now in his Hands, a Copy whereof is subjoined: And therefore, that such malicious Practices may be detected, and the Authors punished according to Law, the said James Wat promises a Reward of Ten Guineas to any who shall discover the Authors of this Report, so as they, or any of them, may be convicted thereof.

Follows the Letter from the said James late Lord Ogilvie, to the above James Wat.

*Drumkilbo, 2d March, 1726.*

"I had yours of the 28th of February last: And in An-

swer thereto, I must own, That I did never see you in the Face, or know you by another Man, or had any Dealings with you: Nor did I ever intrust you with the Sum of 2500 l. sterl. as is falsely reported, or any Sum less or more, Gold Watch, or any Goods whatsoever, either by Writ or without it. And I do think, such Misreports are injurious Reflections against me, as well as designed against your Credit: And if you can be informed of the Authors, I think you should prosecute them as Law allows. And for your further Justification, I allow you to publish this in the Prints. I am, Sir, your most humble Servant.

J. A. OGILVIE.

Directed thus, To James Wat, Brewer in Orchardfield near the West-Port of Edinburgh, otherwise called Livingston's Yards.

†† That the Lands of RATTRAY, lying in the Sheriffdom of Aberdeen and Parish of Crimond, together with an heritable Right on the present sequestered Estate of Crimon-Mogat, lying in the said Sheriffdom of Aberdeen and Parish of Loanmay; together also with another heritable Right on the Town and Lands of Earenhill, lying within the said Sheriffdom and Parish of Logie; all pertaining to William Lesly of Melroß: Are to be exposed to Sale by way of publick Roup, to be held upon the Ground of the said Lands of Rattray, upon the 26th Day of April next, betwixt the Hours of 12 & 6 after Noon. The Articles of Roup, with the Rights to these Lands, and heritable Subject, are to be seen in the Hands of William Baird of Auchmedden, at the House of Auchmedden, 8 Miles East from the Town of Banff. N. B. The Purchase of these Lands, &c. will be most serviceable to any who has a mind to buy the Estate of Crimon-Mogat, and keep them easy as to the purchasing in the other Debts. Also the Purchaser will immediately be put in peaceable Possession of Rattray, which is a good convenient Place, near the Sea, with a Fishing, and in a good Country.

¶¶ That the Paper-Mill of Pennycook, Office-houses, and hail Pertinents, Instruments for making Paper, with an Acre of Ground presently in the Tackmens Possession, with 4 Acres of Ground or thereby sublett, and possessed by Robert Wilson, Tenant of the Corn mill there, and others thereto belonging; lying on the Water of Esk, in the Parish of Pennycook and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh, formerly belonging to the deceased Mrs. Anderson, her late Majesty's Printer, now to her Representatives: Are to be sett in Tack for the Space of an Year and an half after Whitsunday 1726, and 8 Nineteen Years thereafter, by way of publick Roup by virtue of the Lords of Council and Session their special Act and Warrant for that Effect, upon Thursday the 17th of March Inst. betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 in the Afternoon, in the Parliament or New Session-house of Edinburgh. The principal Tack, Conveyance thereof, Act and Warrant of the said Lords, and Conditions of Roup, are all to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Gibson, one of the Under-clerks of Session, or in the Hands of James Johnston Writer in Edinburgh to be found at the Laigh Coffee-house, or his Chamber in the Castlehill. N. B. The Purchaser may be free of the Lands contained in the Tack, if he pleases; and there are several Privileges in the Tack very beneficial to the Purchaser.

N. B. In the above Advertisement in Tuesday's Mercury, in stead of 18 Nineteen Years, read 9 Nineteen Years, as it now is.